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SUBJECT: PRE-32ND UNGA CONSULTATIONS WITH MAURITANIA

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1. SUMMARY: AMBASSADOR AND DCM MET WITH AMBASSADOR MUHAMMED OULD SIDI 'ALI, FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING UNGA SESSIONS. SIDI 'ALI EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR EXTENSIVE BACKGROUND INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION PROVIDED ON UNGA AGENDA ITEMS, AND OUTLINED GIRM POLICY ON MID-EAST AND ZIMBABWE/RHODESIA. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING TOPICS WERE DISCUSSED AT LENGTH DURING SEPTEMBER 8 MEETING: MID-EAST; SOUTHERN AFRICA; PUERTO RICO; GUAM; AND HUMAN RIGHTS; UN MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET; AND NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE - CCEI FOLLOW UP WERE COVERED BRIEFLY. DUE LACK OF TIME (SESSION HAD ALREADY GONE ON OVER HOUR AND HALF), FOLLOWING SUBJECTS WERE NOT DISCUSSED, BUT FRENCH TEXT TALKING POINTS WERE LEFT WITH SIDI 'ALI: CYPRUS; DISARMAMENT; ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS; NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, AND BASIC HUMAN NEEDS. IN ADDITION, WE HANDED SIDI 'ALI CONFIDENTIAL

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FRENCH LANGUAGE COPIES OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S MARCH 17 UN SPEECH, AND SECRETARY VANCE'S APRIL 30 UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA AND JULY 1 ST. LOUIS SPEECHES (ALISTHREE SPEECHES HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY SENT TO FOREIGN MINISTRY).

3. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY FROM AMBASSADOR SIDI 'ALI, WE DISCUSSED ORALLY AND HANDED OVER TALKING POINTS ON KOREAN ISSUE.

SIDI 'ALI NODDED APPROVAL OF U.S. VIEW THAT ROK AND DPRK SHOULD RESUME DIRECT DISCUSSIONS. HE VOLUNTEERED NO INFORMATION RE POSSIBLE DPRK INITIATIVE AT UNGA, AND APPEARED TO HAVE NONE. IN VIEW MAY 1977 GIRM DECISION TO BREAK RELATIONS WITH DPRK, WE WOULD EXPECT GIRM REPS TO ABSTAIN OR TO ABSENT THEMSELVES SHOULD ANY KOREAN RESOLUTIONS BE TABLED AT 32ND GA.

4. ON MIDDLE EAST, SIDI 'ALI EMPHASIZED TWO GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF MAURITANIAN POLICY: (A) DESIRE TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF U.S. AND ITS MID-EAST PEACE EFFORTS, AND (B) TOTAL SUPPORT OF MAURITANIAN PEOPLE AND GIRM FOR PALESTINIANS AND EFFECTIVE RECOGNITION OF THEIR RIGHTS. GIRM IS KEENLY AWARE THAT U.S. ALONE CAN BRING ABOUT PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST BECAUSE U.S. IS ONLY NATION WHICH CAN PRESSURE ISRAEL INTO BEING REASONABLE. GIRM WILL ACCEPT ANY DECISION MADE BY THE PALESTINIANS THEMSELVES ON THEIR FUTURE. SIDI 'ALI STATED EXPLICITLY THAT GIRM DOES NOT AGREE WITH REJECTIONIST FRONT AND WILL NOT SUPPORT THE INTRANSIGENTS.

5. ON ZIMBABWE/RHODESIA. IN RESPONSE U.S. CAUTION AGAINST GA SUPPORT FOR PATRIOTIC FRONT, SIDI 'ALI NOTED OAU FORMAL DECISION TO SUPPORT PATRIOTIC FRONT WOULD POSE COMPLICATION FOR USG, BUT OBSERVED FACT THAT LIBREVILLE SUMMIT DECISION "RECOGNIZED BUT DID NOT RECOGNIZE" PATRIOTIC FRONT, I.E., RECOGNIZED FRONT AS GROUP TO RECEIVE ASSISTANCE IN CARRYING OUT MILITARY EFFORT BUT NOT AS ORGANIZATION REPRESENTING ALL PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE PROVIDES SOME MANEUVERING ROOM. SIDI 'ALI THEN  
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DECLARED ALL GROUPS AND ELEMENTS IN ZIMBABWE MUST BE RECOGNIZED.

6. AMBASSADOR SIDI 'ALI(WHO IS SENIOR O URITANIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS, WHO IS CLOSE AND TRUSTED PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATE OF FOREIGN MINISTER, AND WHO HAS BEEN MEMBER OF PAST GIRM UN DELS) EXPRESSED WARM APPRECIATION FOR GA CONSULTATIONS. HE REPORTED THAT GIRM DELEGATION TO UNGA HAD NOT YET BEEN CHOSEN, BUT CONFIRMED THAT FOREIGN MINISTER OULD MOUKNASS WILL ATTEND OPENING WEEKS OF 32ND UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND DELIVER TRADITIONAL GENERAL DEBATE SPEECH.  
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